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The cities of Franklin, Brentwood and Nashville as well as the state and the Tennessee Department of Transportation will be recognized for National Plug In Day for fostering alternative forms of transportation. / Shelley Mays / File / The Tennessean

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Nashville and Franklin will be part of more than 60 U.S. cities to stage events for the second annual National Plug In Day on Sunday.

The nationwide events will tout the benefits of using electric cars and will feature ride 'n' drives, rallies, "tailpipe-free" tailgate parties and charging-infrastructure demos, among other events.

All events are free and open to the public.

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Events in Franklin

- Embassy Suites Nashville — South/Cool Springs, Franklin. 5-9 p.m., Friday. A pre-rally reception features a live performance by Grammy nominee, CMA Song of the year songwriter and electric vehicle owner Gretchen Peters starting at 6:30 p.m. Participants in the Electric Vehicle Rally can bring their license, registration and proof of insurance and pre-register for the rally. The hotel is at 820 Crescent Centre Drive in Franklin.

- Nissan North America, 1 Nissan Way, Franklin. 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Sunday. Electric

vehicles of all types will rally and parade to Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Franklin's Mayor Ken Moore, Brentwood's Mayor Paul Webb and Assistant Commissioner Toks Omishakin of the Tennessee Department of Transportation will be on hand to participate.

Events in Nashville

- Vanderbilt University SMART Charging Station, corner of 21st Avenue South and Broadway, Nashville. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles including the Nissan Leaf, Chevy Volt and Mitsubishi iMiEV will be available for test drives and rides. Test drives will be available starting at 10 a.m. Later, owners of electric vehicles that departed from the Nissan headquarters should arrive at the charging station around 11 a.m.

After the parade arrives, Toks Omishakin will speak about how the Tennessee Department of Transportation is fostering alternative forms of transportation and building a more sustainable transportation system throughout the state.

A short awards ceremony will take place. The cities of Franklin, Brentwood and Nashville as well as the state of Tennessee and the Tennessee Department of Transportation will be recognized for their ongoing efforts.

Members of the Sierra Students Coalition and students in the M.N.P.S. Pathway on alternative energy and sustainability at Whites Creek High School will present their research projects on electric vehicles and related transportation infrastructure.

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